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C.D. "Dan" Mote Jr. will be officially installed April 23, as the 27th president of the University of Maryland at College Park.

The installation, scheduled for 2 p.m., in Memorial Chapel, will culminate three days of events that are open to the public.

Mote, 62, a mechanical engineer and former vice chancellor for fund-raising and public relations at the University of California-Berkeley, began his tenure at College Park last September. He succeeded William E. Kirwan, who left to assume the top post at the Ohio State University in Columbus.

Mote received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Berkeley, where he was also a faculty member for 31 years. An internationally recognized research engineer, he is also the Glenn L. Martin Institute Professor of Engineering at Maryland and continues to advise a number of doctoral students in that capacity.

Mote has worked to increase state funding for at College Park, which has an enrollment of 33,000 students. The school is one of 13 institutions that comprise the sometimes fractious University System of Maryland.

Inaugural week festivities begin April 21 with a showcasing of undergraduate research, with more than 100 presentations, posters, displays, readings, dance and musical performances, all at the Stamp Student Union, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Sheri L. Parks, associate dean of undergraduate studies, at 301-405-9355.

From 12 to 1 p.m. the same day, there will be an ice cream social at Nyumburu Amphitheater, adjoining the student union.

April 22 has been designated "Graduate Research Interaction Day," marked by graduate student presentations of more than 50 "cutting-edge projects," all day at the Stamp Student Union. For information, contact Kenyatta Graves or Paul Pitre, of the Graduate Student Government, at 301-314-8630.

The morning of April 23 will feature a forum on "research universities at the dawn of the 21st century," presided over by Donald N. Langenberg, chancellor of the University System of Maryland. Panelists are to include Mote, the presidents of the University of Pennsylvania and Johns Hopkins University and the chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The forum will be in the Tyser Auditorium of Van Munching Hall. Seating is limited. Contact Pauline Robinson for tickets, at 301-405-6813.

The inauguration ceremony is scheduled for 2 to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free, but tickets are required as seating is limited to 900, including invited guests. Tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis. Phone the office of special events, at 301-405-0182.

Immediately after the installation, there will be a campuswide reception in the grand ballroom of the Stamp Student Union. There is limited meter parking on campus streets and more inside the three university garages.

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